New Year's Day in Washington.

Nearly half the stores and other private business places in Washington are closed to clip the following account ofday, the custom of keeping the first of January as a holiday having become very general in the Federal Metropolis. In the Executive Department no business is done to-day, as all in public employment here on salaries devote it to making congratulatory calls upon the President, and other principal government functionaries, their own and their personal friends. At an early hour this morning, it being evident that the late overfluid weather was passing away. Pensylvania avenue exhibited signs that we were to have the usual gayeties of the occasion in all quarters of the city. At noon, thousands on thousands were out on foot, and in vehicles, proceeding from one hospitable mansion to an' other, wherein all were welcome, and in many of which an abundance of good cheer was duly spread for all.

At 11 a. m., the usual diplomatic New Year's Day reception took place, and was attended by every gentleman now in Washington connected with either foreign legation; who made a brilliant picture indeed, in full officicial dress, as they were, and attended by the ladies of their respective families.

At half-past eleven, the officers of the Navy and Army, in full dress uniform, (the latter wearing the hat recently introduced into the service, followed in paying their compliments to the Chief Magistrate. They presented a very fine appearance, indeed, and as they lingered about the room contributed greatly to the liveliness of the scene.

At noon precisely, the great gates of the Executive grounds were thrown open, and a dense mass of the sovereigns, of all pursuits and degrees, marched up to the portals of the White House to pay their respects to President Buchanan. These matters were managed, as usual, under the direction of the efficient and popular Marshal of the District of Columbia, than whom no other ever conducted the trying ceremonies of the occasion with more true dignity and grace, or more to the comfort of the President and the five or six thousand persons, of both sexes and all ages, who paid their respects to the occupant of the Executive Mansion to-day.

After the company had been presented to the President by Marshal Selden, many of dent's accomplished niece and the hostess of the White House, and many were the compliby those whose admiration was excited by her graceful and agreeable maner.

The police arrangements of Marshal Selden were very admirable. Though seen everywhere their presence might, by any possible chance, be necessary, they were in the way of no one, while their polite and quiet attentions materially facilitated the movements of all. The Marine Band, in full uniform, also added not a little to the enjoyment of the occasion at the Mansion. Nearly every stranger in Washington, as well as thousands on thousands of our own fellowcitizens were there: as were also all the Army and Navy officers of the United States (in full uniform) who are now here. The good humor and gavety of all added materially to the brilliancy and excitement of the scene.

At 2, p. m., the Reception closed, and the mansion in a few moments afterwards became as quiet as usual. From the Executive mansion the throng dispersed for other calls, and crowded the residences of the members of the Cabinet, various citizens, and distinguished strangers, perhaps a hundred of whom kept open house during the forenoon .- Wash, Star.

## A Windmill Pump at Sea.

The Frundshung of Liverpool, laden with Rice for the Cape, put into Queenstown a day or two since, in distress. She sprung a leak at sea, and was filling at such a rate that the ordinary ot have saved her. In this strait her captain, Adam John Bray, bethought him of a windmill pump, and the idea had no sooner occurred to him than he set about realizing it, and committed the execution of it to William Foulks, his carpenter. who, being an expert and skillful artisan, carried out the Captain's idea to perfection. By the power of this extemporized pump, the vessel was kept affoat one hundred days, until she made Queenstown in safety, where she may now be seen, a sig nal proof of the power of the human mind, when onergetically and igeniously exerted, over the greatest difficulties.— t'ork (Ireland) Reporter.

#### COMMERCIAL. Treasury Office of Virginia.

Friday morning, December 31, 1858. On deposit in the Virginia

.... 439,254 04 ers' Bank..... On deposit in the Ex-

change Bank....... 452,943 14

To the credit of the Com-

monwealth......\$126,558 69 To the credit of the Lit-

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-----\$1,351,096 98 JOHN S. RADY, First Clerk.

Baltimore Money Market, January 1.

Stocks show no change in Baltimore from the rates of last week. Only three days was given to business by the Board, and little done on those days. Some 250 shares of Baltimore and Ohio Railroad have been sold each day at 56(3 561, and closed vesteeday at 56 bid, cash. Of Nor. Central Railroad, fair sales took place at 211 @ 212 regular. up to 211 bayer 60 days, and closed for cash at 211 bid. In City loans the transactions have been on ly of a few small lots at 984 to 99 for 1899's, which leave off 987 bid. Railroad bonds rather dull, and sales nearly altogether of Nor. Central 1885's at 743 64.712, and offered for sale at 747 at the close. Bank stocks steady and firm. The annual state ments of these institutions are made up to the first Monday in January, and we will therefore have them next week. The banks discount up to the needs of all regular customers.

## Fredericksburg Market, December 31.

Troughtenbourg market from					
Family	38	00	(a)	\$8	5
City Mills, extra new	6	50	(a)	7	0
= ) do do superfine	5	25	(4	5	7
Wheat, white	1	10	(0)	1	1.
Wheat, red	1	00	(1)	1	1
Corn, old	0	00	(a)	0	6.
Corn, new	0	0.0	(a)	0	6

It is stated that the amount of gold shipped by steamers from San Francisco, in 1858, was \$36, 179,344, against \$34,222,904 in 1857. Difference in favor of the past year, \$1,956,440. Of the shipments of 1857, however, about \$1,600,000 was lost in the Central America, which is not included in the aggregate amount for the year.

The Merchants' Bank of Baltimore has declar ed a dividend of 41 F1 ct, for the last six months payable on and after the 5th January, City and

State taxes paid by the bank, The Union Bank of Maryland has declared a semi-annual dividend of 4 2 ct.

The demand for domestic goods from the large distributing houses at the East, during the past month, has been unprecedented, and has influenced the manufacturers to refuse further contracts. The Atlantic Mill has sold up to February, and will not take further orders except at value at time of de-

Cheap and abundant as money is in this country it is much cheaper in Europe. In London the Bank of England's rate of discount is only 21 72 cent. At Paris the rate is 3 2 ct.; at Hamburg, 2; at Frankfort, 4; at Amsterdam, 31, and at Brussels, 3 P ct.

GEORGETOWN CATTLE MARKET .- Cattle from \$3 to \$5.25 gross. Sheep at \$4@\$5 each. Hogs at

The Bank of Commerce has declared a dividend of three per cent, for the last six months, besides earrying over \$3,000 to the contingent fund.

There were sales of \$5,000 Virginia Sixes in New York, on the 29th ultimo, at 993.

House-Breaking without Robbery. From the Columbus (Ohio) Statesman we

HOUSE-BREAKING EXTRAORDINARY,---On huge tree, loaded with beautiful and use- accept the nomination. ful articles, had been placed in one of the Norton, from the gentlemen of Trinity

The Rev. Mr. Norton, so handsomely complimented in the above extract from the Improvements were communicated to the Trinity church, Columbus, Ohio. For the Garland, of Culpeper county, and it is due to last twelve years he has lived in Warrenton, him and myself, that I should here reiterate Fauquier county, Virginia, as Rector of St. them. I have ever advocated a liberal and James church. We, in common with a very enlightened policy, believing such improvelarge number of friends in Fauquier and throughout the Diocese of Virginia, rejoice wealth and resources of the State, and to the to hear of the esteem and appreciation he has advancement of the prosperity of the people. met with in his new home. Mrs. Norton, a I desire therefore to see the leading lines now grand-daughter of Chief Justice Marshall, left scores of friends in her old home, who will gladly learn of her kind reception in the West.—Rich. Enq.

The Camel for Virginia.

The camel's range being from 15 to 52° North latitude would take in Virginia. He requires to be fed but once a day-he never suffers for want of water-he requires little or no grooming, and no close stable. All this would suit our negroes admirably; for they hate to feed, curry, water, and stable workhorses, worse than they hate poison. Indeed, if the master or manager does not keep a very sharp look-out, these indispensable services will certainly be neglected, and his mules them were also presented by James Buchanan Henry esq., to Miss Harriet Lane, the Presi-moderate work. It is of great importance to obtain animals that can do with out so much attention on the part of the negro.ments bestowed upon this lady subsequently, But, the saving which the camel will make is a pack-saddle on his back, and he will carry from a thousand to fifteen hundred weight to any part of the plantation. Here he does teams, and all the expense and trouble attendant upon them.

We call the attention of our farmers to this subject.—Richmond Whig.

## Falling off in Country Meat.

Some four or five weeks ago, we alluded to the probable falling off in the meat usually packed and cured by farmers, and brought by them to market. We had no data at that time upon which to base this prediction, but merely inferred that the high price which hogs were bringing, would be an incentive to farmers to bring them to market, and curing only as much meat as they needed for their own We now learn that our prediction has been verified.

For example, Mr. Foxworthy, of Nelson County who last year cut and cured one thousand hogs, this season cures but forty head! The country cure in the whole West last season, was generally estimated at four hundred thousand to five hundred thousand hogs. This season it will amount to comparatively nothing.—Louisville Journal.

The establishment of the Petersburg Intel ligencer has been purchased by Albion K. Moore, formerly of the Savannah Republican. We welcome him to his new post.

Monrovia is a city of three thousand inhal itants; and has a population as orderly and well conducted as can be found in any coun-

We copy from the Blue Ridge Republican the letters of acceptance from Mr. Letcher and Mr. Tucker.

# MARRIED.

On the 16th of December, 1858, at the residence of the bride's father, in Adams county, Obio, by Rev. Mr. Hile, SAMUEL C. ALLEN, of Decatur, Illinois, to JANE E., daughter of Euos and Sarah Gore, formerly of Londonn County, Va.

In King George County, on the 8th ult., by Elder H. W. Montague, Mr. JAMES T. DEATLEY, to Miss ROSETTA E. ARNOLD, both of King George County, Va.

On the 16th ult., by Elder W. H. Montague, Mr. WILLIAM L. DISHMAN, to Miss ANN E. KING, office, both of King George County, Va.

At his residence, near Delayan, Illinois, on the 9th November, after a protracted illness, Mr. JOHN SLAUGHTER, formerly of Rappahannock County, Virginia, and more recently of Muskingum County, Ohio, in the 68th year of his age. Mr. S. was a man of singularly observing and reflecting cast of mind: scarcely anything within the range of observation escaped his notice and thorough investigation. Such a habit of mind, though not entirely consistent with the most indiscriminate social intercourse, rendered his conversation instructive and valuable to such as could enjoy and appreciate it. In his dealings with his fellow men, in every relation, public or private, he sustained and endeavored to practice "the right." In his duties to himself, and to his God, he was doubtless equally honest, though in this important respect, he rarely felt it his duty to communicate with others. If his convictions differed from those of his fellow men, he sought not to display his own views, or to disturb such faith and hopes as they might entertain. As a thinker, and a writer, he was clear and vigorous, though he but seldom acted as contributor; with all his interest in things pertaining to the public good, he mostly confined his labors to his sphere as a private citizen-to the improvement of his own mind, and the welfare of its numerous family, Home was all to him, there his worth was most ar preciated, and there will his loss be more realized,

In Washington, on the 21st December, M. R.U. PINO ZAPPONE, second son of Americus and Margaret Ann Zappone, aged two years and two

Priday morning, December 31, 1858, Mrs. SARAH MONROE, in the 80th year of her age. She was the widow of the late John Monroe, who was among the first, after the declaration of war, to buckle on his armor in defence of the rights of his country in 1812. It is not the object of this obituary notice to culogize the character and virtues of Mrs. Monroe. We could not say, if we would, anything in prais of a long and eventful life-thirty years of which were spent in devotion to God-that would not meet with a hearty response from those who knew her. Though she lived in comparative obscurity. unsurrounded by any of the luxuries and cojoyments which wealth bring, we can truly say,

"None knew her but to love her. None named her but to praise."

She died full of hope, and with the belief that, her labors being ended in this world of trouble, everlasting joy and rest would be her portion in the next. To those who watched by her bedside, when her spirit was winging its way to "Mansions in the Skies;" to catch every word that fell from her lips, and receive the last token of her whom they loved with all the tenderness and and affection of children, we extend our heartful sympathy, and mourn with them over their sad bereavement. She is gone! But weep not, your loss is her gain, for "Elessed are they who die in the Lord." C In Richmond, on the 31st December, JOHN H.

SHOOK, aged 31, son of the late Jacob Shook. In Alexandria county, Va., on Saturday morn ing, at three o'clock, IDA JANE, youngest daughter of Wm. B. and Mary Jane Lacy, aged 11 months.

GLYCERINE CREAM AND GLYCERINE BALLS—For chaps, chafes, roughness of the skin, &c., indispensible to the toilet of those liable shaps from the use of soap, &c. Prepared by 1 mo 3 Dr. R. H. STABLER, No. 165 King-st. 260 GALLONS best Winter Bleached Whale Oil, just received, and for sale by JOHN R. PIERPOINT, No. 172,

S. R. cor. of King and Wash sts.

## LETTERS OF ACCEPTANCE.

Letter of Mr. Letcher. WASHINGTON CITY, D. C., Dec. 24, 1858. Gentlemen:-I have received your letter Christmas eve, when the Rev. Mr. Norton, of of the 9th instant, informing me, that "at a Trinity, returned home from church with his Convention of the Democratic State Rights lady, it was discovered the house had been Republican party, which recently assembled entered by unknown parties. The nurse, in the City of Petersburg," I was "nominawho had been in charge of the premises, de-clared she had heard a door closed and re-nor of Virginia." With a grateful appreciatreating footsteps in the rear of the dwelling tion of the honor thus conferred upon me by just as the family entered. The proof that my Democratic fellow-citizens, through their some person had been there was plain. A Representatives, in Convention assembled, I

On the subject of National politics, it is rooms, exciting the wonder and admiration of hardly necessary for me to say more than the family and neighbors, who had been that I have been identified with the "Democalled in to survey them. Among number-cratic State Rights Republican party," from less articles was a mysterious Porte Monnaie, my youth to the present time. Honestly conwell lined with gold, and labelled, "Mrs. vinced that the principles of the party are sound, national, and conservative-and satis-Church." It is thought a clue has been fied that it its maintenance and success are gained which may ultimately lead to im- e-sential to the preservation of the States, I sortant discoveries as to the intruders, but | have uniformly advocated its measures and t is not deemed expedient to say how at policy, both as a private citizen and a Representative of the people.

My views on the subject of State Internal Statesman," has but recently been called to | Convention, prior to my nomination by Mr. ments indispensable to the developement of the in progress, pushed as rapidly as practicable, to completion. Lateral lines, will follow the completion of the main lines in proper time, as the necessities of the several localities shall system which the State has adopted. These

views will be faithfully and fairly carried out. My speeches delivered in Congress, and my letters of last summer to the Editor of "the South," explain my position on the Slavery question; but to avoid all misapprehension, state in language, distinct and emphatic. that I regard the institution of domestic slavery, existing in Virginia, and the other slaveholding States, morally, socially and politieally-right. I trust, that I will be found as | mouth. ready to defend the institution, and to resist all encroachments upon it, as any man in the Commonwealth. In doing this, I will be defending and protecting my own interests even of more importance to the farmer. Put and property, as well as the interests and perty of my fellow-citizens.

If the people of Virginia shall elect me to the position for which I have been nominaaway at once with the necessity for wagons ted, by those whom you have the honor to represent, I pledge myself to a faithful and impartial discharge of the duties of the office, with reference, solely, to the advancement of the prosperity—the protection of the rights—and the preservation of the interests, in-

> For the polite terms in which you have communicated the action of the Convention. accept my thanks. I am truly, your fellow-John Letener. James Barbour, Jas. G. Paxton, Nat. Ty

monwealth.

ler, A. G. Pendleton, Jno. Brannon, esqris -Committee.

# Letter of Mr. Tucker. RICHMOND, Dec. 18, 1858.

Gentlemen:-I have received your letter, officially informing me, that I was nominated for the office of Attorney General by the late Convention of the Democratic States Rights Republican Party," assembled at Petersburg. "without opposition and by acclamation;" and you add your own "well assured belief. that my re-election would be sustained by the cordial and united support of the Democraev of this Commonwealth

I cannot be indifferent to the flattering | Fund. manner in which the Democracy of Virginia have thus manifested their confidence in me. It is a remark, no less true than trite, that next to one's self-approval, he most highly appreciates the approbation of those who have trusted him with the discharge of important duties. The testimony of the Democratic Convention, that I have not forfeited the confidence, reposed in me eighteen months ago, by the people of Virginia, is most gratefully

received and acknowledged. In accepting the nomination thus tendered to me, it is proper to say, that if the nomination of the great Party, of which I am a member, be confirmed by the Constitutional voice of the people, I shall devote all of the energy of my nature, to the upright and successful discharge of the responsible duties of my

My office has so withdrawn me from the field of strife, and has so exclusively turned my attention to the subjects embraced within its province, that it is scarcely necessary for me to say anything upon those questions in which I cannot cease to have an interest, though I do not take a part. This is the more proper, where it is considered that the funcions of this office, are, in but a slight degree, if at all, involved in the subjects of political

But in all proper candor, I must say, that to the principles of that party, whose organ you are, expounded and maintained by the Fathers of the Faith in Virginia, I have given the devotion of my life, upon the honest conviction of their truth; and I cannot now be supposed to have abated that devotion, when the necessity of our position in the South has made the doctrines of the State Rights School, to us, an only rule of safety, as it has ever been in my regard, the only ground of Con-

stitutional Right. You may be assured therefore, that I shall not be wanting in deep and zealous interest in the maintenance of these doctrines, for the defence of our rights and institutions, within the proper sphere of my official duty, (for they are already involved in controversy fore Judicial tribunals,) but in respect to those, as to all other daties, incident to my office, I hope to discharge them with success, At the Plains, Fauquier County, Virginia, on and, with the approbation of our great Commonwealth.

I beg von gentlemen, to accept myacknowledgements for the kind terms in which you have conveyed to me the wishes of the Convention-and the personal assurance of the high regard, with which, I am

Your friend and fellow citizens J. R. TUCKER. Messrs, James Barbour, Jas. G. Paxton.-Nath. Tyler, A. G. Pendleton, John Brannon, Committee.

Ze-FOR CONGRESS .- We are authorized to announce HENRY SHACKELFORD, esq., as a candidate to represent the Seventh Congressional Dis triet, in the next Congress.

ZG-We are authorized to announce Dn. J. B. GRAYSON, a candidate to represent the District of Stafford, King George, and Prince William, in the Senate of Virginia, subject to the ratification of District Convention. PRINCE WILLIAM.

B@A good-looking friend of ours, who is on this side forty, though somewhat hoary-headed, while absent fro the city a few days, used Prof. Wood's Hair Restoration and on his return called to see his hady-love, but gas amus-to high she did not recognize him, and manu-distely det-mined to pass for a construct himself, but was evidently of griged to find he was supplanting his former self in the effections of the hair, which caused him to make himself. known; but the haly still says that she likes the counterfed before than the original, and insists that he continue in necessary) to use the Hair Restorative. To be hald of the Brugglais—St. Louis Morating Hereld. Sold by all good Druggists.

DHALON'S HAIR INVIGORATOR, Wood's P do., Mrs. Allen's do., and Zylobalsamum, Haul's Eau Lustral, Hayan's Hair Coloring, Burnett's Colonine, Jones' and Batcheller's Hair Dye constantly on hand, and for sale by J. WILLIAM BOWLING. jan 3

MRENCH BRANDY, a genuine article, suitable for Medicinal purposes, can be obtained at for Medicinal purposes, can be obtained at MILBURN'S Drug Store jan 5

# BY SATURDAY EVENING'S MAILS.

CULPEPER COURT HOUSE.—The large brick warehouse put up by J. C. Green, for Thos Foubuilt houses, throughout, we ever saw. The brick work was done by Mr. J. W. Inskeep and the wood work by Messrs. Jones & Bell, all of this county. The slate roofing was done by Mr. T. Wilburn, of Alexandria, and is the est of the kind we ever saw.

The house will be opened in February next, by Mr. T. A. Foushe, of this place, and Mr. Marcus Cooper, of Rappahannock county. The house and lot, on Main street, occupi-

by Miss. Forneret, as a boarding school, was sold, at public auction, on Wednesday last, for \$1550, T. S. Alcocke purchaser. A small ot adjoining, about the 16th of an acre, with small one story house on it, was sold at the ome time, for \$390, Jas. G. Field, purchaser. A vacant lot in the rear of the other two, on burch street, containing about half and acre was sold at the same time, for \$310. Jas. G. Field, purchaser. This is a valuable building

We learn that it is probable that 6 or 8 new dwelling houses will be erected, in this place, during the present year.—Blue Ridge Repub-

Robberges .- On Christmas morning, a number of the boarders at the Yarborough House, in Raleigh, N. C., were robbed. One gentleman had \$300 and a gold watch stolen from him, and several others were relieved of smaller amounts. The whole amount stolen was nearly \$800, and three gold watches. The robbery was, doubtless, perpetrated by some expert hotel thief, as all of those who require their construction. In granting rights | were robbed found their doors locked in the of way, or in projecting new improvements, morning just as they had left them upon resome regard should be had to the general tiring the night before. No clue to the perpetrators of the theft has yet been obtained.

> By way of celebrating the Christmas holidays, a grand tournament and ball took place at Chesapeake Hall, in Hampton, Va., on Tuesday. The Norfolk Day Book says that ladies and gentlemen were present from all parts of the adjacent country, and from Baltimore, Norfolk, Washington, and Ports-

APPOINTMENT.-Lieutenant Andrew Jackson, United States Army, son of John Jackson, of Petersburg, Va., has been appointed assistant tutor in Spanish, at West Point, with a salary of \$2,000. He is the first American to whom the post has ever been

FATAL AFFRAY, -An old man named Benamin Lacks, residing in Botetourt county. Va., while drunk, stabed Lawson S. Bryan to the heart on the 23d ult., killing him instantstitutions and honor of our noble old Commonwealth.

In the heart of the first order of the protect a son of the murderer from his father's rage. The old man escaped and has not been re-captured.

> THE PETERSBURG EXPRESS comes to us greatly enlarged and improved in appearance. It is printed with new and beautiful type and is now one of the largest penny papers south of Philadelphia. We wish it intinued success.

On Monday last, while some young men were out shooting, about ten miles from Norfolk a youth named Solomon E. Ewall, sixteen years of age, was accidentally killed by You state, that my nomination was made a young man named Smith Woodhouse-a load of shot from a fowling piece taking effect in his face and breast.

have contributed \$200 to the Mount Vernon

#### ALMANAC. SUN SUN 19 4 41 New..... 4 12 28 M 7 18 4 42 First qr.. 12 2 6 M. Wednesday .... 7 17 4 42 Full ......18 6 30 E Thursday ..... 7 18 4 43 Laster...25 3 25 g. 7 17 4 43 HIGH WATER. Saturday .....

### Sunday ...... 7 16 4 44 JANUARY 3, -h. MARINE LIST.

PORT OF ALEXANDRIA-JANUARY I. ARRIVED. Sehr, Iram Smith, McGivern, Fall River, to Bor-

Schr. Andromeda, Rowland, New York, by T. J. Schr. Brothers, Davey, New York, by Fowle

MEMORANDA. Schr. Dashing Wave. Bennett, hence at Dan-Schr. Village Queen, Hawkins, hence at Provi-

Brandy-

3 ½ pipes pure and high-flavored "Henesey" Brandy, 1845 2 ½ pipes Rochelle Brandy 2 1 casks pure Port Wine

2 ½ " pure Sherry Wine 2 ¼ " pure Madeira Wine I pipe pure Holland Gin I puncheon pure Jamaica Spirits, for sale by T. A. BREWIS.

CUGARS TO SUIT THE TIMES. Good Brown Sugar 7 and 8 cents C. Soft Crushed Sugar, 9 cents B. Clarified 10 cents

Cracked Loaf " 12 cents, all other goods errespondingly low. GARRET HULST. No. 147 King street

NESTS Cribait TUBS; Horse Buckets; 20 NESTS Cripar Tribs; Measures; Piggins Painted Pails and Tubs; Measures; Covere Staff and Barrel Churns: Barrel Covers: Covered Buckets; Nest Boxes; Wash Boards; Horses: Step Ladders: Wood Trays and Bowls Brass Bound Cedar Ware, for sale cheap, at whol sale or retail. [jan 3] JOHN OGDEN

VARIETIES - Deminoes, Dice, Chess and Onceker Men, Backgammon Boards; te Monnies, Cabas, Work Boxes, Writing Desks, Coral Negligees, Card Cases, China Vases, Gift Cups and Sancers, with other notions, cheap at jan 3 H. B. WHITTINGTON'S, 83 King-st.

DEST OSWEGO STARCH; Salad Gil; Rasp-B berry and Lemon Gum Drops; Catnip; Gum Arabic; Burmuda Arrow Root; White Bar Soap; Flaxseed: Rochelle Salts; Calabria Liquorice; jus received, and for sale by

JAMES ENTWISLE, Jr., Apothecary, No. 94 King street. LIOR HIRE .- A MAN SERVANT, young, ac-I tive, trusty, and capable of any kind of work; has had several years experience in the care of horses, and is a first rate carriage driver. He will be hired for the year 1859. Appply at the Gazette jan a at

FRESH BEACHES.—We have just received to full supply of FRESH PEACHES, in quart cans, put up by Henry Stabler, Montgomery County. Md., and for sale by J. LEADBEATER & SON.

DARIN'S CAMPHOR ICE with Glycerine, Va-Banila Beans. Ox Marrow Pomade, Turkey Rhubarb, White Castile Soap, Sal Eratus, just reeived, and for sale by JAS, ENTWISLE, Jr., Apothecary, 94 King stree

GOD AGAIN .- Just received a new and first rate article in the way of Brace Bits and Gimupon a new principle: a variety of sizes, by the dozen or singly Call and see.

JOHN T. CREIGHTON, No. 12 Royal street.

SUPERIOR INDELLIBLE INK, for marking Linen and Cotton Goods, and suitable for use with Heel Pens. Just prepared by Dr. R. H. STABLER. Chemist, No. 165 King street. DRUSHES .- A fine assortment of Hair, Shoe. D Hat, Teeth, Nail, Comb, and Dusting Brushes, H. B. WHITTINGTON'S. 82 King street.

History of the Past Year.

The political changes of the year, abroad, have neither been many nor important. It began in peace, and it ends in peace. The she, is nearly completed, and is one of the best Kings, Queens, and Emperors, that reigned on the 1st of January, 1858, we believe, all wear their crowns in tranquility to-day. At one period, indeed, a war between the two first-rate powers of Europe-England and France-appeared to be imminent, in consequence of circumstances growing out of the attempt upon the life of Napoleon the Third, in the Rue Lepelletier; but the catastrophe was happily avoided, rather by the firm and manly front of the British Parliament-in its refusal to pass the famous so-called Conspiracy Bill-than by any particular wisdom or discretion on the part of "the Nephew of his Uncle." More recently, the same haughty potentate was on the brink of a conflict with another of the European family, Portugal; but Portugal, not being as powerful or as courageous as Old England, kept the peace. by pocketing the insult that had been offered to her in the affair of the Charles et Georges. Pride, however, will have its fall: and if, at the end of 1859, Louis Napoleon is not in a position to realize how "uneasy is the head that wears the crown," a present portents of coming trouble in the nation he is ruling and ruining, are good for nothing but to mis lead and deceive. If we turn next to Asia, there is much it

the retrospect to bid the friends of human progress be of good cheer. The rebellion it ndia has been well nigh overcome,-and what is equally gratifying, Christian England has just declared to the world, that the successes which attend her arms there are to be employed to the improvement rather than the enslavement of the natives. A firm, but mild and responsible government is to be substituted for the rapacious, often cruel, and always unprincipled administration of the East India Company. There is to be amnesty for the past, with mercy, justice, and toleration for the future. Here, resented in those regions at the beginning of the year, when nought but tales of blood and battles, and cruelty, with then no signs of approaching peace, came to us by every mail from the East. Verily, the world does move, even in India! It moves, too, in that to us, till now, terra incognita. Japan, or we could never, within the year, have negotiated an excellent treaty of amity and commercwith it: while in China, the "Celestial Flowery Land," it not only moves, but goes right straight ahead, or the four leading civilized powers of this world, England and France, the United States and Russia, would never have been able to obtain a privilege which they could hardly have dreamed at the beginning of the year of ever obtaining,-the privilege not only of having ministers in Pekin, but the right of Christian missionaries to go there too to preach the doctrines of Jesus of Nazareth. or this, if nothing else, the year of our Lord 1858 is destined to be an ever memorable one for the Nations of the east; and an auspicious one for the world at large—if the hopes of those are not disappointed who believe in the early coming of that blessed Millenium, which is to behold all the Nations of the Earth assuming the mutual relationship of common brotherhood.

Such has been the march of events in Eu rope and Asia. Of Africa there is nothing to be said but this,-that the year goes by leaving her as vast a blank in the world, and the world's affairs, as ever. The "day of her redemption may be nigh:" but who can see it, save with the eye of faith, and in the spir it of "charity, which hopeth all things, and believeth all things"? South America, likewise, may be said to have stood still during the year, or, if its wretched agglomeration of ill-assorted republics have moved at all, the moving, it is sad to think, has been not so The ladies of Hololula, Sandwich Islands, much towards civilization and good government, but towards barbarianism and anarchy. So, too, of Mexico. the dying year finds just ready to tumble into his grave, with none to succor or to save. In all human probability, before the new year grows old, its destiny will have been decided, but how, or by whom, what pro-

phet or what ghost will come and tell? As for our own country, aside from the irritating questions affecting concerns of domestic policy,-which we have had occasion hitherto to make the subjects of special review,-the past is illustrated with many incidents gratifying to our national pride, with but few or no accompanying regrets. have had controversies -- serious controversies with foreign nations, but the most of these have been henorably adjusted, and those which still remain unsettled do not necessarily involve a departure from the peaceful position which we occupy to-day towards the other governments of the world. Thus peace, one of the greatest national blessings, as well as prosperity, is our pleasant heritage to-day; and, we bid farewell to the past, let us, with meek hearts and due reverence, pray for its unbroken continuance, not only through the "happy New Year," but in all time to come. Y. Express.

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Dr. R. H. STABLER. No. 165 King street. DAPER, PAPER, &c .- Another supply of Cap. Letter, and Note Papers, in almost every variety of style, quality, and price; also, Wrapping and Tissue Papers, Envelopes, Letter Press Copying Books, &c., just received, and for sale as cheap as they can be bought in the Palaces of some oth-

er ejtjes, [jan 3] JOHN H. PARROTT. BROWN'S BRONCHIAL TROCHES, Wistar's Lozenges, Wistar's Balsam Wild Cherry, Swalin's Syrup Cherry, Rushton's and Burnett's od Liver Oil, Mustang Liniment, Radway's Re-"Illis' Solution, Citrate Magnesia, on hand, and J. WILLIAM BOWLING,

for sale, by J. WILLIAM D. Prince streets. DIVIDEND.—The Board of Directors of the Alexandria Water Company have deelgred a mi-annual dividend of 3 per cens, payable to the stockhoblers, on and after the 5th in EDW. S. HOUGH, Treasurer.

CURRANT WINE and TOMATO CATSUP. manufactured, and for side by WILLIAM A. HART. No. 109 King street, corner of Pitt. 22 Sien of the Golden Mortar.

MIETLAND WOOL, of the best quality, and in fine colors, received and for sale at the lowest H. B. WHITTINGTON'S. 82 King street, (OMBS.-Tuck, Dressing, Side, Puff, Neck, Bonnet, Pocket, Fine, and Children's Long Combs, H. B. WHITTINGTON'S

82 King street. TOAL OIL, &c. Alcohol, Ethercal Oil, Cargthene, Spirits Turpentine, to, received and for sale by H. COOK & CO.,

NAUTIER'S HERB DROPS, particularly rec-G ommended for coughs, colds, hoarseness, &c., H. COOK & CO., DOTASH, One cask No. 1 Potash, received and

for sale by JOHN LEADBEATER & SON. WINDOW GLASS AND PUTTY, an additional supply just received and for sale by J. LEADBEATER & SON, I mo 3 Stabler's Old Stand. ORIENTAL FIG CONFECTION, for constipa-tion, coughs, colds, &c., for sale by jan 3 R. COOK & CO., Sarepta Hall,

WOOL PURCHASED at the bighest gash prices, by 1416 b. BROWN, & PARTLOW. NOTICE.—Our accounts will be ready for delivery January 1st, and we solicit from our friends prompt settlements.

jan 3

LOCAL ITEMS.

New Year's Day passed off very quietly in this place. The custom of making calls was kept up to some extent, but owing to the unfavorable weather, there was less visiting than usual. A number of persons from this city visited Washington. The Banks here were closed, and very little business was

HIRING.-The public hiring of servants took place at Catt's Tayern, West End, vesterday. There were a large number of servants on the ground. The prices paid show an advance on last year. Men bired for from \$75 to \$140; women \$50 to \$80; boys The Metropolitan Bank, of New York, has \$30 to \$75, and girls from \$20 to \$50.

C. & O. CANAL .- We learn that it has been determined to let the water off the canal some time this month, for the purpose of giving the entire line a thorough overhauling and cleansing of sand bars, &c.

DIVIDEND.—The Alexandria Water Com oany have declared a semi-annual dividend o

NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS .- We return our incere thanks to several friends for kind remembrances on New Year's Day.

LOTTERIES .- Messrs, Swan & Co., have disposed of their Lottery business to Wood, Eddy & Co., whose advertisement appears to-day. This firm is now the owner of every Lottery grant in the United States, save one,

Oyster Packing.-The Oyster packing business in Baltimore, is a very large and proagain, is a more cheerful picture than was fitable one. It could and ought to be carried on extensively here.

PATRIOTIC BANK OF WASHINGTON. - John S. McKenney, esq., was on Thursday last elected Cashier of the Patriotic Bank of Washngton, in the place of Chauncey Bestor, esq., who has faithfully filled the office for nearly twenty years, and who lately resigned it to retire to private life. The Board of Trustees directed their President to communicate to Mr. Bestor the expression of their confidence, respect, and good wishes.

PATENTS.-Patents were last week awarded to Chas. N. Tyler, of Washington, D. C., for improvement in apparatus for generating illuminating gas. John W. Hollensbury, of Alexandria, Va., for improvement in breech loading cannon. Wm. A. Bradev and Jacob Bigelow, of Washington, D. C., for improvement in manufacture of artificial fuel. COLUMBIAN COLLEGE, D. C .- The literary so-

cieties of Columbian College, D. C., have elected Rev. J. L. Burrows, of Richmond, Va. orator, and John R. Thompson, esq., editor of the Southern Literary Messenger, poet, for their celebration in June next. WASHINGTON ALMS HOUSE .- So crowded

sioners found it indispensable to dismiss about thirty of the best behaved immates. TIO BLACKSMITH'S AND OTHERS.—Just received at No. 12 Royal street, and for sale a

had that institution become that the commis-

Horse Shoe Iron in bundles Horse Shoes of assorted sizes Horse Shoe Nails and Nail Rods Butresses, Paring Knives Blister Steel and other articles in the Black smith line-orders received for Iron in quantities,

and delivered at less prices than from the Rack-

te which will be sold at less than customary prices-Double Barrel Guns at as low a price as six dollars, extra single tions and Rifles, at corresponding prices. Call and examine.
jan 3 JOHN T. CREIGHTON.

DISSOLUTION.—The co-partnership heretofore existing in the name of BRYAN, ADAMS & CO., has this day been dissolved, by mutual consent. Either partner is authorized to sign the name of the firm in settlement. GEO. BRYAN, D. S. GREGORY.

YEORGE BRYAN AND SAMUEL R. ADAMS C have this day formed a co-partnership, in the name of BRYAN & ADAMS, and having purchaed the stock of Goods belonging to Bryan, Adams & Co., respectfully announce to the public that they have in store a desirable assortment of seasonable DRY GOODS, which they offer for cash or to prompt dealers, at low rates. Jan 1-eo3w

COLGH MEDICINES .- A full supply of the of following popular and efficacious remedies, just received at WILBURN'S Drug Store, North East rner of King and Washington streets-Vegetable Pulmonary Baisano, the great New Eng land Reseedy

Aver's Cherry Pectoral, Sine's Pectoral Balsam Riley's Squill Lozenges Brown's Bronchial Troches, specially adapted for Hoarseness and Irritation of the Throat

Locock's Pulmonic Wafers

Wistar's Cough Lozenges, &c., &c. G AMES AND AMUSEMENTS FOR THE YOUNG FOLKS AT HOME.—The Snake Game, Doctor Kane's trip to the Arctic Regions. the Old Maid, Mother Goose, The Parlor Game, The Oregon Game, Fashion and Famine, Movea-ble Alphabet Cards, Conversation Cards, Fortune Telling Cards, and a variety of new and interest ing French and German Games and Puzzles, &c.

ust received, and for sale.
jan 3 JOHN H. PARROTT. DEVOLVING DICE BOXES .- Another sup R ply of those inimitable little affairs, so convenient and simple, for Backgaumou progres and other useful articles suitable for Holiday presents. Ac. It is true, I cannot boast of a "Palace" of merely say to those in want of such things, or any thing else, to try at home first, before they take up the line of march to the music and flag raised in behalf of to other side of Jordon, ian 2 JOHN H. PARROTT.

CHEMICALS.—Acetle Acid, Aqua Ammonia, Chloroform, Gallie Acid, Strychnine, Phosphate Soda, Alum, Nitrate Silver, Aconatia, Veratria, Chloride Gold, Oxide Silver, Muriate Tin Quinine, Blue Mass, Sulphate Morphine, Acetate Potash, Glycerine, Tannin, Iodide Sulphur, Granville's Lotion, Rochelle Salts, &c., &c., received and J. LEADBEATER & SON.

STEWART'S COUGH CANDY, undoubtedly the best Cough Candy every made; it is com-Wild Cherry, Comfery Root, &c. It will be found a good remedy for Coughs, Colds, Hourseness Croups, Whooping Coughs, and Incipient Con sumption: put up in packages, 6 and 12 ets. each. For sale by HENRY COOK & CO.,

10 bbls, C. Soft Crushed Sugar 30 boxes Refined Mould Candles

New York Fancy Crackers, Preserved Ginger, Currents, Citron—Layer, Va lencia, and Bunch Raising, Brum Figs; Paper Shell and Soft Shell Almonds, &c., just received FOR GALVESTON, TEXAS .- The good

Schr. BROADFIELD, is receiving freight, and will positively sail for the above port on the 10th January. For freight or passage, having good accommodations, apply to S. G. HAND & CO., pau 3-det No. 101 Smith's Whart, Baltimore.

NOTICE.—All persons indebted to us will please come forward and settle their accounts without delay. The bills will be found ready at our

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BY MAGNETIC TELEGRAPH

A Dinner to Governor King, &c. ALBANY, Dec. 31 .- A large number of the prominent citizens of the State, embracing all parties, have united in tendering to Gov. King a complimentary dinner, on his retirement from office, in token of their esteem of

his private and official character. About \$4,000 in counterfeit twenties on the State Bank of Troy, is already discovered. \$1,500 and the Clearing-house, in this city about \$700. The latter, it is said, can be

Senator Douglas in New York.

New York, Jan. 1.—Senator Douglas, last evening, made a speech to his friends here, defining his position on the Clayton-Bulwer treaty and the foreign policy of the Cabinet generally, but carefully avoided recurring to any question of a personal character between himself and the administration.

Reception of Senator Douglas in Philadelphia. Philadelphia, Dec. 31.—Extensive preparations are made by the friends of Senator Douglas for a reception on his arrival here. The City Councils have tendered him the use of Independence Hall to receive his friends.

Congressional Nomination in New York

New YOEK, Jan. 1 .- Thomas J. Barr, the nember elect from the 4th district for the next Congress, was last evening nominated by both wings of the Democracy, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Hon.

Non-Arrival of a Steamer.

Halleax, Jan. 1 .- There are no signs yet of the steamer America, from Liverpool on the 18th inst.

day at 12 m. DISSOLUTION.—The co-partnership heretofore existing under the name of CROSS, LUGEN. BEEL & CO., has been this day dissolved, by mu-

The Maine and Nova Scotia lines close to-

tual consent. Either partner is authorized to sign. the name of the firm in settlement of the business. R. Y. CROSS. JOHN W. LUGENBEEL. HENRY C. FIELD.

R. Y. CROSS, having purchased the entire stock of Cross, Lugenbeel & Co., respectfully announces to his friends and the public generally that he intends to conduct the BOOT AND SHOE BUSINESS, in all its branches, and hopes, from the care and attention to the work turned out of his establishment, to receive as heretofore a full share the public patronage. A call is solicited at No. 74 King-street.

CHICKERING & SONS' PIANOS.—The sub-C scriber is again in receipt of a further supply of PIANOS. His stock, always the largest in the city, embraces the most elegant and elaborate, as well as the neat and plain styles of PIANOS of every variety of scale, from the unrivalled factory of Chickering & Sons.

Also, Pianos of excellent tone and beautiful fin-

ish by other approved Boston and New York manfacturers. Second hand Pianos received in exchange. Good second hand Pianos for sale low. Pianos for hire. The subscriber will sell Pianos much lower than they can be bought in Boston or New York. Additional supplies will be received in a few

Washington, jan 1-3t RANDOLPH MACON COLLEGE, ) BY order of the Board of Trustees of said College, at a meeting held this day, notice is hereby given to those persons who have contributed, by bonds and subscriptions, to increase the endowment fund of the College, that the said fund has been raised, to the amount of one hundred thousand dol-lars, in bonds, cash, and valid subscriptions; that

their obligations have become absolute, and it is boned they will pay at an early day, in order that the money may be invested as soon as practicable. WM. A. SMITH, Pres't. RICH'D. B. BAPTIST, Sec'y, pro tem. | jan 1-2t

DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY. WARRENTON, VA,

CONTINUES to perform all operations belong ONTINGES to perform an operations occording to the Dental profession in the most satisfactory manner, at moderate rates.

Doctor McGee may be found at home at any time, except from the second to the third Monday in each

month, which time will be spent at Flint Hill, Rap

J. W. McGEE,

Office and residence on Main street, nearly oppoite the Warrenton House, Warrenton, jan 1-eoly NOTICE. WILLIAM H. FOWLE has this day associated with him, his son WILLIAM day associated with him, his son WILLIAM

H. FOWLE, JR., for the transaction of a general

commission business in this city, under the firm of WILLIAM H. FOWLE & SON. Office for the present at Nos. 57 and 59 King street. ian 1-Rawlm

N EW ORLEANS SUGAR AND MOLASSES. —
We are shortly expecting the Brig Georgia,

300 barrels MOLASSES.

nahannock County, Va.

This cargo has been selected especialty for this and the District markets, and is represented to be of choice quality,

It will be offered at public auction on arrival, of which due notice will be given. jan t CHARLES DICKENS'S NEW BOOK AS

A House to Let, by Charles Dickens, being his Christmas story, only 5 cents, Something new for the Little Folks. More he Paper Boll Family.

The Young Architect, No t. Paper Cottage, a beautiful thing, 13 cents.

A fresh supply of Ida May. Lady Gay Dragoons, &c., just received. A complete assortment of the Doll Family always on hand.

FRENCH'S Book and Periodical Depot.

Thompson's Bank Note Reporter for January All the New Books, Papers, and Magazines on [jan 1] G. E. FRENCH. THE MOUNT VERNON PAPERS, by the Hon. Edward Everett, now ready in the New

fork Ledger, and for sale at GEORGE SIGGERS Chenp Book and Periodical Store, 75 Prince-stree Harper's Magazine for January, is a splendid number, price The.
Frank Ledlie's New Family Magazine and Gazette of Pashion for January, 25c. trodey's Lady's Book, for January, 25r.

The Great Republic Monthly, for January, 25c. New York Mescury, Weekly, Flag, Pictorial, Lese's Paper, Harper's Weekly, Line-of-Battle Ship, and all the papers for the week, at price to sait the CVOLLECTOR'S SALE. - Will be offered for sale

On Tuesday, January 13, at ten o'clock, for cash, at the carriage warehouse lately occupied by Bowen, Berlin & Peake, corner of King and Henry streets, a new FAMILY CARRIAGE, levied on to satisfy tax bill due City Council of Alexandria, Va., for year 1858, by Bowen, Berlin & Peake. JOHN A. FIELD, Collector Northern District.

SERVANTS WANTED -I wish to employ for the ensuing year, seven MALE SERVANTS for the Dining Room, and four FEMALE SER-VANTS, two for Chambermaids and two Washerwomen, for which a liberal price will be paid.

Address SAMUEL HEFLEBOWER. A TTENTION, No. 5!-The 32d Annual Meet-ing of the Hydraulion Fire Company will be

held at their Hall, on Monday, Idinst, at 74 o'clock.
All the members are requested to attend, as the election of officers will take place.

jan 1-2t E. S. DUFFEY, Secretary. TUST RECEIVED, per Express, another lot of Douglas & Sherwood's Patent Steel Extension

Hooped Skirts, at c, C. BERRY'S, 72 King-st.

Wool purchased by ROBINSON & PAYNE,

Neatly executed, with dispatch, at this Office,